

French Advance Four Miles in Battle East of Argonne

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, September 28.—In the successful continuation of the offensive east of the Argonne the French have captured the village of Somme-Py, an advance of about four miles, says the war office statement today.

The heights north of Fontaine-en-Dormois also have been taken. The French have taken additional prisoners. The fighting continues.

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PARIS, September 27.—The French troops in the battle line east of the Argonne made extraordinary gains today and in the two days' battle have taken more than 10,000 prisoners and captured the village of Somme-Py, an advance of about four miles, says the official communication tonight. The total advance by the French has been about five miles at certain points.

Germans Fight Desperately to Halt American Drive

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, September 28, 9 a.m.—With their backs to the outer edge of the Brunhilde line the Germans today were fighting desperately in an endeavor to bring the American advance to a halt.

The Germans were massed in the volume of their fire and indicating anew their determination to resist to the utmost.

The Americans are using their artillery freely to break up the enemy positions. The Germans are depending upon machine gun fire at every advanced point in their effort to check the American advance.

8,000 Prisoners Taken.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, September 27, (by the Associated Press).—The number of prisoners thus far captured by the Americans in their offensive is now placed at 8,000.

Along the entire American front the Germans made a determined effort to hold their positions valiantly after another to steady hammering.

The country about Montfaucon and the Argonne forest was the scene of desperate combat as the men of the American army fought their way through the Argonne forest.

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In the first day of the battle Gen. Gouraud's headquarters all the positions abandoned July 15, and then stormed the Hindenburg line on a length of nineteen miles. They are on the front of the Hindenburg line along the Py, which are less strong than the first. These will have to be demolished by the artillery before the infantry can tackle the last defenses of the enemy, beyond which lies the open country.

First Phase Successful.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, September 27 (by the Associated Press).—Arrival of French infantry on the bank of the Py river marks the successful termination of the first phase of the attack, which is being pressed with unremitting energy.

At various points west of the Meuse the Americans captured the German trench mortars and small artillery pieces, which have not yet been counted.

Observations reported that enemy movements to the northward had been detected. The Germans moving from Montfaucon to Vantilly and from Briulles-sur-Meuse to Cunel. They also reported that German ammunition dumps were blazing at various points.

All of Officers at Work.

Infantry forces held in reserve abandoned their old quarters when the attacking troops advanced and moved steadily up after the attacking forces. The commander of these reserves drew into active service on the telephone and telegraph wires.

Captures Spur Endeavor.

Thicker and thicker grew the congestion as the artillery approached their new positions. Engineer regiments of the region of the Argonne forest the fighting often developed into an almost hand-to-hand character as the men of the American army fought their way through the Argonne forest.

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WHERE BATTLES RAGE ON WEST FRONT.



Arrow 1—Belgians have ushered in an offensive from the North sea to a point northeast of Ypres and already have penetrated German positions to a depth of two and a half miles.

Arrow 2—British forces have begun to smash forward against enemy lines in conjunction with the Belgians in Flanders.

Arrow 3—Where British forces continue their fierce battle north of Cambrai with the envelopment of this city as their objective. Ten thousand prisoners, hundreds of guns and several highly important defensive positions have been wrested from the Germans.

Arrow 4—Where British forces are closing in on St. Quentin from the west, constantly harassing the Germans in this region.

Arrow 5—Where the French armies are delivering attacks between the Ailette and the Aisne with the Chemin des Dames as their objective. Material progress has been scored in the flanking of this important defensive position.

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Veles and Fortress Seized by Serbs in Swift Drive

Armies Now Moving Toward Uskub—Other

Important Gains of Ground Made as

Bulgars Retreat.

LONDON, September 28.—The city and fortress of Veles, one of the important bases of the Bulgarian forces in southern Serbia, on the Vardar river, has been captured by Serbian troops, the Serbian war office announced in a statement dated Friday.

The Serbian forces are pushing on from Veles toward Uskub. The troops defeated Veles and took 1,000 prisoners. Serbian troops continued their drive on Friday to press the retreating Bulgarians and scored important gains of ground. The Serbian war office reports under Friday's date.

Serbian troops have reached Rastavica, about 25 miles north of Izbica, and have advanced a considerable distance beyond Kocana, toward the Bulgarian border.

LONDON, September 27, 5 p.m. (by the Associated Press).—Serbian troops were reported this afternoon to have captured Kocana, about fourteen miles from the Bulgarian border, opposite Kustendil.

PARIS, Friday, September 27 (Havas).—Premier Clemenceau today addressed the following telegram to Gen. Franchet d'Esperey, the commander of the Serbian army in Macedonia:

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(Kotlas is on the River Dvina, a distance of 325 miles inland from Archangel in a southeasterly direction).

Planes Bombing Bolsheviki.

British and Russian airplanes are continually observing and bombing the bolsheviki.

These operations, which are still in progress, besides scoring a fifty-mile advance, have been accompanied by the sinking of at least four enemy ships, the capture of 100,000 machine guns and much war material. A few prisoners also have been picked up to the number of 100.

The enemy ships retreating hastily toward Kotlas, sowed mines as they fled, and the allies are now working to clear the mines.

Other operations of the allies' forces have been very small.

Japanese Gain in Siberia.

LONDON, September 28.—In eastern Siberia Japanese mounted troops have captured the town of Chita, and have advanced toward the northwest from Blagovestchensk, have effected a junction at Rukhlov, 200 miles northwest of Blagovestchensk, according to a Japanese official statement received here.

North of Blagovestchensk the Japanese have occupied Zeyapristan, on the River Zeya. The statement reads:

"September 22 Japanese mounted forces converging along the Amur railway from Blagovestchensk and Chita, and toward the northwest from Blagovestchensk, have effected a junction at Rukhlov, 200 miles northwest of Blagovestchensk, according to a Japanese official statement received here."

Seek to Unite Russ Groups.

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